PHONE COMPANY DEMANDS FORMAL

Protests Against Taking of Unsworn Testimony Regarding Reductions.

Arguments for a reduction in toll rates to telephone subscribers in all security of Greater New York were beard to-day by the Public Service Commission of the Second District in the Assembly Room at No. 1 Madison ave-ma. Thirty or more representatives of the various boards of trade, merchante' associations and citizens' associations eastered throughout the boroughs entered heated protests against the exleting rates between the arbitrary been divided by the telephone company.
No action was to be taken to-day.
The Commission merely heard the arguments by the protestants and the company's attorneys and will decide the issuce at some date in the near future. ion favorable to the petitioners may to expected, in view of the recent de-claim by the Commission reducing the authoriber's rate from Bay Ridge, Bath Beach, Midwood, Coney Island and Canarele to Manhattan as far north as One Hundred and Tenth street. When the Staten Island representa-

tives presented their protest against paying E and 20 cents a call to Manhat-tas, only two miles or so away, the company's attorneys interposed an ex-plemation that made the commission doubtful as to its jurisdiction in this case. It was explained in behalf of the et run directly from Manhattan to the and then lead to Staten Island. Com-missioner Martin F. Decker, who pre-sided, asked a number of questions tending to show his doubt as to the Commission's cover to make any make on's power to make any rates for the lines running out of this State in that way.

The company's attorneys also advanced the argument that in many cases telephone connection between points only a few miles apart in a direct ne has to be made over many miles o wire, and that therefore the company doubt not be expected to give such calls for a five cent rate. Attorney U. N. Bethel, for the tele-

phone company, protested against the method of taking testimony at the hear-"This loose testimony should not be naterial on which to base a decision, he and. "It is not evidence. If the

mony the company will not let in matter rest there." . Chairman Decker interrupted Bethe at this point to say: "I think personally mak your company should establish a five-cent toll throughout that part of Long Island within the city timits."

Before such an order should be isrued we should be given the benefit of formal hearing at which all the witnesses would be sworn," declared

stantly and said he would give the company ten days to get ready for uch a hearing. The Commissioner made it plain, however, that if a formal hearing were held the company would have to come prepared to show

this point. "I'll give you until June 11," said Commissioner Decker, "to make up your minds whether or not you want a formal hearing. Report to me on that day and if you decide you want

The hearing was adjourned without next Sunday's World.

date. Commissioner Decker announcing he would inform every one present of the date for the next hearing, when the company's representatives shall have reported on June 11.



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